

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended): A system for screening broadcast programming, comprising:
a real time viewer configured to receive broadcast programming and to present the received broadcast programming to a user in real time;

[[an]] a real time interface configured to receive user input from a [[user]] real time screener, the user input comprising real time screening information having at least a content of interest start time and end time that define a content of interest segment based on the received broadcast programming;

a broadcast recorder configured to store the received broadcast programming;

a precision review processor configured to receive the stored broadcast programming and the real time screening information and to present portions of the stored broadcast programming before and after the start time and end time;

a precision interface configured to receive user input from a precision screener, the user input comprising precision screening information having a precise start time and end time for the content of interest segment based on the portions of the stored broadcast programming; and

a ~~processor~~ central screening module coupled to the real time interface and the precision interface and configured to ~~store the user input~~ generate a real time screening signal based on the real time screening information and to generate a precision screening signal based on the ~~user input~~ precision screening information.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended): The system as recited in claim 1, further comprising a plurality of real time interfaces ~~coupled to the processor and~~ configured to receive user input from a [[user]] plurality of real time screeners, the user input comprising at least a content of interest start time and end time defining a content of interest segment based on the broadcast programming.

4. (Currently Amended): The system as recited in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 3, ~~wherein the processor is further configured to compile user input received from a plurality of users~~ further comprising:

a real time screening signal processor coupled to the plurality of real time interfaces and configured to store the user input and generate the real time screening information based on the user input from the plurality of real time screeners.

5. (Currently Amended): The system as recited in claim 1, ~~further comprising a client interface coupled to the processor and~~ configured to receive client input from a client user, the client input comprising at least a content of interest preference.

6. (Currently Amended): The system as recited in claim 5, wherein the ~~processor~~ central screening module is further configured to generate a screening signal based on the ~~user input and the client input and~~ at least one of the real time screening information or the precision screening information.

7. (Currently Amended): The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the ~~screening signal is a real time screening signal~~ real time viewer is configured to present audio broadcast programming to the real time screener.

8. (Currently Amended): The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the ~~screening signal is a precision screening signal~~ precision viewer is configured to present audio broadcast programming to the precision screener.

9. (Currently Amended): The system as recited in claim 1, ~~wherein the screening signal is a freelance screening signal~~ further comprising:

a freelance interface configured to receive user input from a freelance screener, the user input comprising freelance screening information having at least a content of interest start time and end time that define a content of interest segment based on the received broadcast programming.

10. (Currently Amended): The system as recited in claim 1, ~~wherein the viewer is configured to present audio broadcast programming to the user~~ further comprising:
a plurality of precision interfaces and configured to receive user input from a plurality of precision screeners, the user input comprising precision screening information having a precise start time and end time for the content of interest segment;
and

a precision screening signal processor coupled to the plurality of precision interfaces and configured to store the user input and generate the precision screening information based on the user input from the plurality of precision screeners.

11. (Currently Amended): A system for screening broadcast programming, comprising:
~~an interface~~ a plurality of real time interfaces configured to receive user input from a ~~[[user]]~~ plurality of respective real time screeners, the user input comprising real time screening information having at least a content of interest start time and end time that define a content of interest segment based on broadcast programming; and

a real time screening signal processor coupled to the interface plurality of real time interfaces and configured to store the user input and generate a real time screening signal based on the user input from the plurality of real time screeners.

12. (Currently Amended): The system as recited in claim 11, ~~wherein the screening signal is a freelance screening signal~~ wherein generating a real time screening signal based on the user input from the plurality of real time screeners comprises:

compiling the real time screening information from the plurality of real time screeners; and

reconciling differences in delay among one or more of the plurality of real time screeners to generate reconciled content of interest segment information.

13. (Currently Amended): A computer program product for screening broadcast programming, the computer program product ~~having~~ comprising a computer useable medium ~~[[with]]~~ having a computer program embodied thereon, ~~the computer program~~

comprising wherein the computer readable program, when executed on a computing device, causes the computing device to:

~~computer program code for receiving~~ receive user input from a [[user]] real time screener, the user input comprising real time screening information having at least a content of interest start time and end time that define a content of interest segment based on broadcast programming;

store the received broadcast programming;

receive the stored broadcast programming and the real time screening information and present portions of the stored broadcast programming before and after the start time and end time;

receive user input from a precision screener, the user input comprising precision screening information having a precise start time and end time for the content of interest segment based on the portions of the stored broadcast programming;

~~computer program code for storing the user input~~ generate a real time screening signal based on the real time screening information; and

~~computer program code for generating~~ generate a precision screening signal based on the user input precision screening information.

14. (Currently Amended): The computer program product as recited in claim 13, wherein the ~~screening signal is a real time screening signal (RTSS)~~ computer readable program further causes the computing device to:

receive client input from a client user, the client input comprising at least a content of interest preference; and

generate a screening signal based on the client input and at least one of the real time screening information or the precision screening information.

15. (Currently Amended): The computer program product as recited in claim 13, wherein the ~~screening signal is a precision screening signal (PSS)~~ computer readable program further causes the computing device to:

receive user input from a freelance screener, the user input comprising freelance screening information having at least a content of interest start time and end time that define a content of interest segment based on the received broadcast programming.

16. (Currently Amended): The computer program product as recited in claim 13, wherein the ~~screening signal is a freelance screening signal (FSS)~~ computer readable program further causes the computing device to:

receive user input from a plurality of real time screeners, the user input comprising at least a content of interest start time and end time defining a content of interest segment based on the broadcast programming; and

generate the real time screening information based on the user input from the plurality of real time screeners.

17. (Currently Amended): A method for screening broadcast programming, comprising:

~~generating preference information based on input from a user, the preference information comprising at least a content of interest (COI) segment type;~~

~~receiving broadcast programming on a broadcast channel with an associated identifier, the broadcast programming comprising at least a COI segment;~~

presenting the received broadcast programming to a user in real time;

~~monitoring the broadcast programming for at least a COI segment start time of the COI segment type~~ receiving user input from a real time screener, the user input comprising real time screening information having at least a content of interest start time and end time that define a content of interest segment based on the received broadcast programming;

~~generating a first session information based on~~ storing the received broadcast programming, ~~the first session information comprising at least the broadcast channel associated identifier;~~

~~generating a first COI segment information based on at least the COI segment start time~~ receiving the stored broadcast programming and the real time screening information;

presenting portions of the stored broadcast programming before and after the start time and end time;

receiving user input from a precision screener, the user input comprising precision screening information having a precise start time and end time for the content of interest segment based on the portions of the stored broadcast programming;

generating a real time screening signal based on the real time screening information; and

generating a precision screening signal based on the ~~first session information and the first COI segment~~ precision screening information.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended): The method as recited in claim 17, further comprising generating a second COI segment information based on the COI segment start time;

receiving user input from a plurality of real time screeners, the user input comprising at least a content of interest start time and end time defining a content of interest segment based on the broadcast programming.

20. (Currently Amended): The method as recited in claim 19, further comprising compiling the first COI segment information and the second COI segment information to generate a reconciled COI information;

generating the real time screening information based on the user input from the plurality of real time screeners.

21. (Currently Amended): The method as recited in claim 20, ~~further comprising~~ generating a screening signal based on the reconciled COI information and the preference information wherein generating the real time screening information based on the user input from the plurality of real time screeners comprises reconciling differences in delay among one or more of the plurality of real time screeners to generate reconciled content of interest segment information.

22. (Currently Amended): The method as recited in claim 17, ~~wherein the first session information further comprises at least a first screener identification code; and further comprising generating a second session information based on the received broadcast programming, the second session information comprising at least the broadcast channel associated identifier and a second screener identification code~~ further comprising:

receiving client input from a client user, the client input comprising at least a content of interest preference.

23. (Currently Amended): The method as recited in claim 22, further comprising ~~generating a second COI segment information based on the COI segment start time and the second session information;~~

generate a screening signal based on the client input and at least one of the real time screening information or the precision screening information.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended): The method as recited in claim 17, ~~wherein the screening signal is a real time screening signal~~ further comprising:

receiving user input from a freelance screener, the user input comprising freelance screening information having at least a content of interest start time and end time that define a content of interest segment based on the received broadcast programming.

27. (Currently Amended): The method as recited in claim 17, further comprising:

~~storing the received broadcast programming to generate stored broadcast programming;~~

~~monitoring the stored broadcast programming for at least a COI segment start time of the COI segment type;~~

~~generating a second COI segment information based on at least the COI segment start time~~ receiving user input from a plurality of precision screeners, the user input

comprising precision screening information having a precise start time and end time for the content of interest segment; and

~~generating a screening signal based on the second COI segment information~~
generating the precision screening information based on the user input from the plurality of precision screeners.

28. (Currently Amended): The method as recited in claim 27, ~~further comprising generating a screening signal based on the second COI segment information and the preference information~~ wherein generating the precision screening information based on the user input from the plurality of precision screeners comprises reconciling differences in delay among one or more of the plurality of precision screeners to generate reconciled content of interest segment information.

29. (Canceled)